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645—300.1(147) Definitions.

“Audiologist” means a person who engages in the application of principles, methods and procedures for measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, rehabilitation, or remediation related to hearing and disorders of hearing and associated communication disorders for the purpose of nonmedically evaluating, identifying, preventing, ameliorating, modifying, or remediating such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals, including the determination and use of appropriate amplification.

“Board” means the board of speech pathology and audiology examiners.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Speech pathologist” means a person who engages in the application of principles, methods, and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, rehabilitation, or remediation related to the development and disorders of speech, fluency, voice, or language for the purposes of nonmedically evaluating, preventing, ameliorating, modifying, or remediating such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.

645—300.2(147) General.

300.2(1) No person shall engage in the practice of speech pathology or audiology unless the person has obtained from the department of public health a license or a temporary clinical license. Licenses issued by the board shall be for licensure by examination, except as provided by rule 300.5(147).

300.2(2) All information regarding rules, forms, time and place of meetings, minutes of meetings, records of hearing, and examination scores are available to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Written information may be obtained from the Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

300.2(3) All material sent to the board for review must be submitted at least one week before a regularly scheduled meeting. Materials received after this time will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

300.2(4) For those persons conducting hearing tests under the direct supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon functioning under Iowa Code section 147.152(1), “direct supervision” means the physician must order the hearing test performed on each individual patient and maintain control over the reading of the results. The person working under direct supervision of a physician must be able to show that the person did so at the direction of the physician and did nothing more than perform the hearing test. Direct supervision by a physician means the person conducting the hearing test does so in the usual location in which the physician performs medical services and sees patients. The physician must be readily available to respond to a request by a patient or the person conducting the hearing test.

300.2(5) Applications for license which do not meet the minimum criteria for licensure shall be retained by the board office for a maximum of two years from the date the application was received. After two years, incomplete applications shall be considered invalid and shall be destroyed. The application fee is nonrefundable.

645—300.3(147) Examination requirements. The examination which demonstrates the applicant's professional competence to the board shall be the national teacher examination in speech pathology or audiology. This examination is administered by the Educational Testing Service. The applicant should contact the nearest accredited college or university for the time and place of the examination or may contact the department for further information.

300.3(1) The applicant has full responsibility for making arrangements to take the national teacher examination in speech pathology or audiology and for bearing all expenses associated with taking the examination. The applicant also has the responsibility for having the examination scores sent directly to the board from the Educational Testing Service.

300.3(2) The board shall determine the qualifying scores for both the speech pathology and audiology examinations.

300.3(3) The examination required in this rule may, at the discretion of the board, be waived for any of the following persons:

- a. Individuals licensed by examination in other states.
- b. Holders of certificates of clinical competence as of January 1, 1977.

645—300.4(147) Licensure requirements.

300.4(1) Licensure. The applicant shall submit the following to the board:

- a. An official application form provided by the department.
- b. Official transcripts showing proof of possession of a master's degree or its equivalent.
- c. Official verification of completion of not less than 300 hours of supervised clinical training in an accredited college or university.
- d. Verification of not less than nine months of full-time clinical experience, or equivalent, under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate, following the receipt of the master's degree. Such verification must be signed by the licensed supervisor.
- e. Results of the National Teacher Examination as described in this rule.
- f. American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certificate of clinical competence eliminates the need for "b" to "e" above.
- g. A nonrefundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

300.4(2) Temporary clinical license. A person who wishes to practice speech pathology or audiology in Iowa under the supervision of an Iowa licensed speech pathologist or audiologist for the purpose of obtaining clinical experience as a prerequisite for licensure shall apply to the board for a temporary clinical license prior to obtaining clinical experience. A temporary clinical license shall be issued only upon evidence that the applicant will be supervised by a person licensed in Iowa as a speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate. The temporary clinical license is valid for one year and may be renewed once at the discretion of the board. The board shall revoke any temporary clinical license at any time it shall determine either that the work done by the temporary clinical licensee or the supervision being given the temporary clinical licensee does not conform to reasonable standards. To fulfill requirements for a temporary clinical license, the applicant must submit the following to the board.

- a. An official application form provided by the department.
- b. Official transcripts showing proof of possession of a master's degree or its equivalent.
- c. Official verification of completion of not less than 300 hours of supervised clinical training in an accredited college or university.

d. A plan of action to complete at least nine months of full-time clinical experience, or equivalent, under the supervision of an Iowa licensed speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate. At the completion of the nine months, a supervised clinical experience report on a board-approved form is required within 30 days. Verification shall be signed by the licensed supervisor.

(1) If the plan is not initiated, the board shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the anticipated start date.

(2) Any change made to the plan must be submitted to the board in writing for approval within 30 days of the change.

(3) If the plan is discontinued, the supervised clinical experience report should be completed and submitted to the board within 30 days of discontinuing the plan.

300.4(3) Temporary permit. A nonresident may apply to the board for a temporary permit to practice speech pathology or audiology for a period not to exceed three months by submitting documents to support the need for such a permit and documents to show that the applicant has substantially the same qualifications as required for a license. The application for temporary permit must be received by the board at least 30 days prior to the date the applicant intends to begin practice.

645—300.5(147) Licensure by interstate endorsement.

300.5(1) An out-of-state applicant seeking a license to practice speech pathology or audiology in Iowa is required to complete the same application as that required in subrule 300.4(1) except that the board may waive the examination requirement if the applicant has a license which was obtained by examination and if, in the opinion of the board, the examination and the examination score were essentially the same as for Iowa.

300.5(2) An out-of-state applicant shall, in addition, submit certification of all licenses obtained in another state. The certification shall include the license number, date issued, expiration date and whether any disciplinary action has been taken. If a license or certificate has ever been revoked or suspended, the applicant shall furnish a sworn statement detailing the circumstances.

645—300.6(147) License renewal.

300.6(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice as a speech pathologist or audiologist shall extend from January 1 of each even-numbered year until December 31 of the next odd-numbered year. Continuing education requirements shall be completed within the same renewal period for each license holder.

An application and a continuing education report form for renewal of license to practice as a speech pathologist or audiologist shall be mailed to the licensee at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. Failure to receive the renewal application shall not relieve the license holder of the obligation to pay biennial renewal fees on or before the renewal date.

300.6(2) Beginning January 1, 2000, the continuing education requirements will coincide with the renewal compliance period. The licensee shall submit to the board office 30 days before licensure expiration the application and continuing education report form with the renewal fee as specified in rule 300.7(147). Individuals who were issued their initial licenses within six months of the start of the next renewal period will not be required to renew their licenses until the next renewal two years later. The new licensee is exempt from meeting the continuing education requirements for the continuing education biennium in which the license is originally issued. Individuals will be required to report 30 hours of continuing education for every renewal thereafter.

300.6(3) Late renewal. If the renewal fees are received by the board within 30 days after the renewal expiration date, a penalty fee is charged. If renewal fees are received more than 30 days after the renewal expiration date, the license is lapsed. An application for reinstatement must be filed with the board with the reinstatement fee, the renewal fee and the penalty fee as outlined in rule 300.7(147). Individuals who submit the renewal application and complete documentation of continuing education hours after the end of the compliance period shall be required to pay a penalty fee and shall be subject to an audit of their continuing education report.

300.6(4) Speech pathologists and audiologists who have not fulfilled the requirements for license renewal or an exemption in the required time frame will have a lapsed license and shall not engage in the practice of speech pathology or audiology.

645—300.7(147) Licensure fees. All fees are nonrefundable.

300.7(1) The application fee for a license to practice speech pathology or audiology is \$105, the application fee for a temporary clinical license is \$65, and the application fee for a temporary permit is \$25.

300.7(2) The renewal fee of a license to practice speech pathology or audiology for a biennial period is \$80. The annual renewal fee for a temporary clinical license is \$40.

300.7(3) The penalty fee for failure to renew a license within 30 days following its expiration is \$40.

300.7(4) The reinstatement fee for a lapsed license or to reinstate a license under certificate of exemption status is \$25.

300.7(5) The fee for certification of Iowa license is \$10.

300.7(6) The fee for license replacement is \$10.

300.7(7) The penalty fee for failure to obtain the required continuing education within the compliance period is \$25.

300.7(8) The penalty fee for failure to notify the board office of an address change within 30 days is \$15. If the penalty is not paid by the time of license renewal, the license may not be renewed.

300.7(9) Licensees who submit their continuing education report form after the deadline shall be assessed a \$25 late fee and their reports will be audited.

300.7(10) Fee for a returned check is \$15.

645—300.8(147) Organization of board of speech pathology and audiology examiners.

300.8(1) Chair.

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.

b. Shall preside at all meetings of the board and conduct the meeting following Robert's Rules of Order.

c. Shall appoint committees as is deemed necessary to study issues.

300.8(2) Vice-chair.

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.

b. Shall act in capacity of chair in the absence of that officer.

300.8(3) Secretary.

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.

b. Shall act in capacity of chair in the absence of officers representing the chair and vice-chair.

c. Shall keep an accurate and complete record of all transactions of the board.

300.8(4) Quorum. Four members of the seven-member board shall represent a quorum. Business shall not be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

645—300.9(272C) Reinstatement of inactive practitioners. Rescinded IAB 11/29/00, effective 1/3/01.

645—300.10(272C) Reinstatement of lapsed license. Rescinded IAB 11/29/00, effective 1/3/01.

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